

HONORING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC
SERVICE OF ALFRED SAN NICOLAS
FLORES

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Alfred San Nicolas Flores, a former Guam Senator who passed away on February 6, 2009 at the age of 93. Alfred, known as "Davy Crockett" to family and friends, was devoted to his community and will be remembered for his public service and his love of farming.

Born on June 20, 1916 to Jose Duenas Flores and Rafaela San Nicolas, Alfred was raised by his step-mother Margarita Flores in the village of Inarajan. He became a Lancheru, or "rancher," farming his family's land and raising cattle. He later established the Flores Poultry Farm which became a major supplier of fresh eggs to Guam's civilian and military communities.

Alfred entered public service, first as an Assemblyman in the Guam Congress, and later as a six term Senator in the Guam Legislature. He promoted agriculture by establishing a special water rate for farmers and establishing a crop insurance program. He also authored legislation to create low and moderate income housing subdivisions. In 1976 he was elected to the office of Commissioner (Mayor) of Inarajan. Senator Flores was a founding member of the Democratic Party of Guam and he was known for his fiery campaign speeches.

Alfred Flores served on the Selective Service Board, the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority Board of Directors, the Guam Farmers Cooperative Association, and the Soil and Water Conservation District. He was active in his village church, St. Joseph's Parish in Inarajan. He also mentored young men by volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America.

Senator Alfred Flores was a dedicated public servant who made many lasting contributions to our community. He was recognized later in life as a Master Lancheru for his contributions to preserving traditional farming. My heartfelt condolences are with his wife Ester, their children Lucille, May, Fred, and Roy and his extended family and friends. He will be dearly missed.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION CELEBRATE LINCOLN'S
200TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of the Esther Reed Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In honor of the 200th anniversary of the birthday our Sixteenth President these women will conduct a wreath laying ceremony at the base of a statue of President Lincoln in downtown Spokane, WA.

This 12-foot bronze statue was dedicated in Spokane on November 11, 1930 before a

crowd of 40,000 people and depicts the Sixteenth President as Commander in Chief reviewing the Union Army. This statue is a valued part of the landscape of Spokane and acts as a steady reminder of the trials our country has faced and our ability to overcome them.

As part of their long and continuing efforts to preserve and celebrate our history, the Esther Reed Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution has organized a week long celebration to honor this great man. The celebrations will include several lectures by prominent Lincoln historians, a concert, and an ongoing art show featuring Lincoln-related works.

Madam Speaker, I believe the dedication shown by the Daughters of the American Revolution and their ongoing efforts to celebrate our leaders and history is worthy of recognition before this body. I invite my fellow members in joining with me to honor a past president's birthday and the efforts by the Daughters of the American Revolution to observe it.

ABILITYONE, FORMERLY JAVITS-
WAGNER-O'DAY, PROGRAM

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, for the past 70 years the AbilityOne formerly Javits-Wagner-O'Day (ABILITYONE) Program has empowered Americans who are blind or severely disabled by providing them with a diverse set of employment opportunities. Today over 40,000 disabled Americans are realizing their potential by working in their local communities across the country under this program. These Americans are proud to provide federal and military customers with a wide array of SKILCRAFT and other ABILITYONE products and services. The ABILITYONE Program prides itself on delivering high quality products and services at a competitive price in the most convenient way possible.

Some of the product categories offered by the ABILITYONE program include office supplies, military specific, safety, maintenance, repair, medical-surgical, janitorial-sanitation, and customization. The services that are provided to the federal and military customer include but aren't limited to call center and switchboard operation, military base and federal office building supply centers, CD-Rom duplication-replication, data entry, document imaging and grounds care. I rise today in support of the AbilityOne Program and the opportunities it provides for an underemployed population of hard working Americans. Furthermore, I urge my colleagues to purchase SKILCRAFT and ABILITYONE products from the House-Senate Stationary stores not only because of their quality and value, but also because of the socioeconomic benefits that can come from supporting the program. By purchasing these products and using these services we are enabling more disabled Americans to have the opportunity to become taxpayers.

Today in Winston Salem, North Carolina 156 blind Americans are employed under the ABILITYONE Program and are producing high quality items or services for us. The ABILITYONE Program is administered by the Presidentially-appointed Committee for Pur-

chase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, with much assistance from National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH, which serves people with a wide range of disabilities. More than 650 local nonprofit agencies associated with NIB and NISH employ people who are blind or disabled to produce the quality products and offer the services authorized for sale to the federal government under the ABILITYONE Program.

The ABILITYONE Program is a great illustration of a successful partnership that has the ability to continuously grow with the changing procurement environment within the federal government. This is a Program that works for America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, I missed Rollcall Vote 55, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Girls and Women in Sports Day, because I was attending to official events in my home state of Florida. If present, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF MONIQUE YVE'TTE
PORTUSACH-CEPEDA

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 13, 2009

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and service of Monique Portusach-Cepeda, a dedicated community leader who continually gave back to the people of Guam. Monique passed away on January 3, 2009 after a battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Nathaniel Fejeran Ulloa, her mother Frances Portusach Hudgens, and her father Anthony Calvo Cepeda.

Monique graduated from George Washington High School as valedictorian in 1996. Monique enrolled in Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island and in 2001 graduated with a degree in American Civilization and Bio-Medical Community Health. While at Brown University, Monique was awarded the President Harry S. Truman Fellowship before continuing her education at Harvard University. In 2002, Monique graduated from Harvard University with a Master's Degree in Public Policy. Monique was also selected as a Presidential Management Fellow, a program for individuals dedicated to promoting sound policy and programming in government agencies.

Monique worked with the Social Security Administration on Guam as a Federal Disability Examiner where she helped residents of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa through the disability claims process. She continued to give back to her community through participation in organizations such as Youth for Youth, Democrats for a Better America, and Young Government Leaders. Monique